

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 350
By Jordan

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mrs. Lillie Beard of
Primm Springs.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Mrs. Lillie Beard; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Beard was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to her profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, after retiring as a buyer from Beck/Arnley World Parts Corporation, Lillie Beard served with diligence and acumen for 12 years as a member of the Williamson County School Board from the Fairview area; in 1990 she was elected chair; and

WHEREAS, it was during her exemplary tenure as chair that the school system embarked upon an ambitious multi-million dollar building program, constructing 10 new elementary and middle schools, in addition to a high school and several expansion projects; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Beard played an integral role in the board's adoption of a family life curriculum, and was an expert negotiator with the county commission. She also instituted a five-year program aimed at reducing class sizes, a move that continues to benefit students in Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, Lillie Beard was an active and devout member of the Church of Christ. She also served as a member of the Fairview Homemakers Club, the YWCA, and as a volunteer at Pinewood Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Mrs. Beard leaves behind will be remembered and treasured by her friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, she was the proud parent of two sons, Ralph (Nicky) and Ricky, both of Franklin, and the grandmother of five grandchildren. Mrs. Beard is also survived by her mother, Lou Della Sullivan; three brothers, J.W. Sullivan, Herbert Sullivan and Ronald Sullivan; and two sisters, Christine Mealer and Margaret Martin; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mrs. Lillie Beard, remembering with admiration her outstanding character and many selfless contributions to the people of Williamson County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mrs. Beard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That two copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.

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